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Memorandum of Clarification

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To: Endorsed Gambling Providers

RE: Family and Social Services Administration Division of Mental Health and Addiction/ Endorsed Gambling Providers

This memorandum of clarification was created based on a recent random internal audit of endorsed gambling providers who also provide Access to Recovery (ATR) services. ATR and problem gambling services are both paid on a fee for service basis. Unlike SAPT block grant funding which is paid to providers based on number of individuals served and performance indicators.

It is imperative to avoid billing ATR and PG for the same *clinical service* for the same time period. For example do not bill ATR for outpatient group from 8-10 am on 9/18 and then bill PG for outpatient group from 8-10 am on 9/18. Due to the fee for service billing model the same services must not overlap. If you are addressing PG as a co-occurring disorder with an ATR client the *clinical service* must be provided and billed for as a separate clinical intervention.

To avoid a possible pay back situation be mindful of billing practices. For example you can provide an ATR clinical service from 9-10 am on 9/18 and a PG clinical service from 10-11 am on the same date. This type of billing validates that co-occurring disorders were addressed on the same day but the time and service does not overlap.

We appreciate your patience in this time of transition and if you have any questions about this Memorandum of Clarification please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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